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REMARKS:

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1. On 8 September 1952, the SS Kaserne in Sachsenhausen and the former concentration camp on Bernauer Allee, Oranienburg (N 53/Z 77) still quartered about 1,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank or motor transport insignia.

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2. On 3 September, the Weisse Stadt settlement on Berliner Strasse quartered a unit of 250 to 300 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. Only maintenance parked in the garages.

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3. During the period from 1 to 4 September, a tank unit was repeatedly observed conducting driving school with four T-34 tanks, [redacted] and JS-1 tank [redacted] near the Havel River between Sachsenhausen and Clashuette. Officers and C. observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. After a detail of about 3 officers and 20 men had fortified the river banks with stones and logs, the tanks crossed the Havel River, apparently without difficulty. JS tank [redacted] bogged down in the swampy meadows. It was later pulled out by model 25X1 25X1 SU-122 gun [redacted] under the supervision of a major who wore tank insignia [redacted]

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4. At 5:30 p.m. on 26 August, a train consisting of 10 to 12 boxcars occupied by personnel and loaded with 12 T-34 tanks [redacted] and about 12 trucks proceeded through Oranienburg toward Loewenberg. (4)

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5. In late August, [redacted] observed that new training courses had been started at the tank instruction unit and the driving school unit quartered in the SS Kaserne and the former concentration camp on Bernauer Allee in Sachsenhausen. Numerous young soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets without insignia were observed. Since 27 August, building No 131 has been occupied by about 120 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets while, since 2 September, building No 221 has been occupied by about 160 men wearing the same epaulets. Theoretical instruction given by the tank instruction unit took place in building No 150, while instruction with tanks was given in the area in front of buildings Nos 148 and 149. Aiming practice with JS-1 tank [redacted] and T-34 tank [redacted] was observed. About 40 recruits practiced mounting of, and dismounting from, six canvas-covered T-34 tanks. Source determined that Lieutenant Colonel Markin (fmu), commanding officer of Unit 25X1 25X1 Markin, was billeted in low wooden building No 1 in Zone A. Low wooden building

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No 10 also located in this zone quartered about 20 uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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[redacted] about 40 men of the artillery unit quartered there were trucked to Doeberitz (N 53 1/2 65) with luggage and billeting equipment on 6 September. (2)

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